



Rick Staly, Sheriff
FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."

NEWS RELEASE

Date: March 27, 2025

Prepared by: Courtney Sebastianelli, PIO

Email: PIO@flaglersheriff.com

Release #: 2025 – 053

CASE UPDATE #4: Justice Served, Final Suspect Found Guilty **in Murder of Bunnell Teenager**

BUNNELL, Fla. — On March 26, Tyrese Patterson, 23, of Palm Coast, was convicted and sentenced for his involvement in the murder of Noah Smith in January 2022. Patterson is the last of four suspects involved in Smith's murder to be sentenced.

Patterson was found guilty of Second-Degree Murder with a Firearm and two counts of Possession of a Weapon by Delinquent Act. Immediately following the verdict, Judge Dawn Nichols of the Seventh Judicial Circuit sentenced him to 30 years in prison.

On the evening of January 12, 2022, Patterson was involved in a drive-by shooting during which Smith, an innocent bystander, was shot and killed. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office took over the investigation from the Bunnell Police Department.

"Patterson's conviction marks the closing of a three-year investigation and prosecution to bring justice for Noah Smith and his family," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I promised Noah's family that we would catch his killers, and the sentencing of this last killer completed that promise. While we can't bring Noah back, I hope the finality of this case brings satisfaction to the families and the community to know that the murderers and their accomplices were held accountable to the fullest of the law. I also commend our Major Case Unit detectives, CSI, and Real Time Crime Center analysts that left no stone unturned to investigate this difficult case and State Attorney Larizza and his team for a successful prosecution."

Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



Original Release Date: February 14, 2025 (Update No. 3)
Original Release #: 2025 – 020 (Update No. 3)

CASE UPDATE #3: Oak Hill Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder of Bunnell Teenager

BUNNELL, Fla. — Following a three-day trial, Stephen Monroe, 26, of Oak Hill, Florida, was convicted and sentenced for the murder of Noah Smith in January 2022.

Monroe was found guilty of First-Degree Murder with a Firearm. Immediately following the verdict, Judge Dawn Nichols of the Seventh Judicial Circuit sentenced him to mandatory life in prison.

On the evening of January 12, 2022, Monroe, who was 23 at the time, was involved in a drive-by shooting during which Smith, an innocent bystander, was shot and killed. The investigation into the shooting was started by the Bunnell Police Department but later turned over to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office.

Three others — Tyrese Patterson, Devandre Williams, and Terrell Sampson — were also arrested and charged in Smith's murder. Williams was convicted and sentenced in September 2024.

"This killer was offered the deal of a lifetime by the prosecutor but decided to roll the dice. Just like in Vegas, most people lose and this killer did too," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I thank our Major Case Unit detectives, CSI, and our entire team for making a case. While we can't bring Noah back, I had promised Noah's family that we would get his killers and hold them accountable. This conviction and sentence is one step closer to making sure that they are all in prison for the rest of their lives."

Original Release Date: September 26, 2024 (Update No. 2)
Original Release #: 2024 – 172 (Update No. 2)

CASE UPDATE #2: Palm Coast Man Sentenced to Prison in Two Separate Murder Cases

BUNNELL, Fla. — On September 25, Devandre Bernard Williams, 20, of Palm Coast was sentenced to prison for his involvement in the murders of Noah Smith and Keymarion Hall.

*Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



Williams entered a plea deal in both cases for two counts of 2nd Degree Murder and one count of Attempted 2nd Degree Murder.

Judge Terence Perkins of the Seventh Judicial Circuit sentenced Williams to 55 years on each of the two counts of murder and 30 years for attempted murder, all of which will run concurrently. Under current law, Williams is eligible for review for each case, after 15 years in Smith’s murder and 25 years in Hall’s murder.

Williams was the driver in the January 2022 murder of 16-year-old Noah Smith on South Anderson Street in Bunnell. Then in May 2022, Williams shot and killed 16-year-old Keymarion Hall in Bunnell near the same location of Smith’s murder. The Investigations were started by the Bunnell Police Department but later turned over to the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FSCO) Major Case Unit.

Three others were also arrested in the investigations, Terrell Sampson, Tyrese Patterson, and Stephen Monroe for their involvement. Patterson was originally scheduled to be sentenced on September 25 but it was continued until a later date.



Devandre Williams (Flagler Co. Jail Mugshot)

“This dirtbag will spend a longtime in prison for his crimes,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “I had promised the families of Noah and Keymarion that we would hold the killers accountable. While I know this can’t bring back their loved ones, I hope knowing the killers are receiving long prison sentences brings them a feeling of justice. This was a difficult investigation for the Major Crimes Unit. Detectives worked more than 2,500 hours investigating this case.”

Original Release Date: June 16, 2022 (Update No. 1)

Original Release #: 2022 – 160 (Update No. 1)

CASE UPDATE #1: 4th Suspect Wanted for Teen Homicides **Arrested, Charged with Attempted 2nd Degree Murder**

After a few days in hiding, 18-year-old Terrell Sampson was found and arrested today for Attempted Second Degree Murder in the Noah Smith homicide. Additionally, 30-year-old Russell Hillard was

Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



arrested for harboring a fugitive after deputies spoke with him earlier today during their search for Sampson.



18-year-old Terrell Sampson being arrested after days of hiding from law enforcement.

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) Major Case Unit (MCU) Detectives, the Fugitive Unit and PACE have been actively and continuously searching for Sampson since a warrant was signed for his arrest earlier this week. Utilizing investigative techniques and with the assistance of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Sampson was ultimately located inside a Wedge Lane residence this afternoon. He eventually surrendered after refusing multiple commands and was taken into custody without further incident. Following his apprehension, Hillard exited the residence and was arrested for his role in hiding the fugitive.

“Today, Sampson has joined his accomplices behind bars alongside six other key-players in the many incidents that occurred throughout the six month long investigation,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “He thought he could run and avoid facing the consequences for his actions but I never break a promise. I warned him that we would get him and we held strong to that. I hope his arrest brings some peace and closure to the families of Noah and Keymarion and that all of these dirtbags are sent away for a long time. I’d like to thank the FDLE, our Crisis Negotiations Team, SWAT and all the deputies involved in apprehending Sampson, including the second guy who thought harboring a fugitive was a good idea.”

Hillard is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and is being charged with Felony Accessory After the Fact and Resisting Officer without Violence.

Sampson is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on no bond and is being charged with Attempted Second Degree Murder.

Additional charges may be pending further investigation.

Original Release Date: June 14, 2022

Original Release #: 2022 – 157

Three Arrested in Bunnell Teen Homicides, One At-Large, All

*Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



Charged with either 1st or 2nd Degree Murder

Six Others Connected to the Murders Arrested on Various Charges

A Tuesday afternoon press conference held at the Kim. C. Hammond Justice Center began with an announcement of three arrests in the Noah Smith and Keymarion Hall homicides, with one suspect still at-large and all suspects facing charges for murder.



From Left to Right: Terrell Sampson, Tyrese Patterson, Stephen Monroe and Devandre Williams during booking at the jail.

Sheriff Staly, State Attorney RJ Larizza and Bunnell Police Chief Brannon announced the arrests of 20-year-old Tyrese Patterson, 23-year-old Stephen Monroe and 18-year-old Devandre Williams, who are all being charged with First Degree Murder, and 18-year-old Terrell Sampson who has a warrant for his arrest for Attempted Second Degree Murder for the homicide of Noah Smith. In addition to the murder charge in Noah’s death, Williams is facing charges of Second Degree Murder and Attempted Second Degree Murder with a Firearm for the homicide of Keymarion Hall.

During the evening hours of January 12, the Sheriff’s 9-1-1 Dispatch Center received a report of a shooting that occurred on South Anderson Street in Bunnell, where 16-year-old Noah Smith was killed. This investigation was started by the Bunnell Police Department and later turned over to the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office Major Case Unit (MCU).

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) also led the investigation of the May 3 homicide of 16-year-old Keymarion Hall, who was shot and killed in Bunnell in proximity to Smith’s murder location. The Sheriff’s Office has been contracted to handle all major cases for the City of Bunnell.

“The Major Case detectives worked over 2,500 hours and served 40 warrants in these cases,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “These were difficult cases based on the intertwining of the suspects, relatives and friends wanting to settle disputes with street justice. I’m very proud of everyone that worked so hard and their dedication to finding justice for Noah and Keymarion and their families. All four of these dirtbags played an active role in taking lives of these two young victims and will be spending their

*Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*



futures behind bars. I hope today's arrests help bring closure for the families knowing the murderers and their accomplices are being held accountable."

Throughout the investigation, Major Case Unit (MCU) Detectives observed multiple social media profiles, interactions, messages, comments, aggressive music content and pictures, to piece together the involvement of all four suspects. Social media footprints played a large role in evidence gathering and proving pre-meditation.

During the course of the investigation, it was also discovered there were two opposing sides to the local violence, including the "Bunnell" side and the "Palm Coast" side. These two groups chose "street justice" to resolve disputes instead of cooperating with law enforcement, which delayed detectives in gathering the evidence needed to arrest the suspects.

"I want the community to understand the magnitude of an investigation like this," Sheriff Staly added. "Detectives had to not only find the evidence, but work through multiple stories that didn't match the evidence, while certain members of the community preferred to take street justice into their own hands. Multiple incidents took place involving a handful of subjects that were linked to these senseless murders. Detectives worked endless hours to build solid cases and I hope these guys all get maximum sentences for their violent crimes."

Today, the three suspects are being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on no bond, while Sampson is at-large. Tyrese Patterson, Stephen Monroe and Devandre Williams are all being charged with First Degree Murder and Terrell Sampson is being charged with Attempted Second Degree Murder in the homicide of Noah Smith. Additionally, Devandre Williams is being charged with Second Degree Murder and Attempted Second Degree Murder with a Firearm in the homicide of Keymarion Hall.

Linked to some of the crimes and the suspects involved in both homicides, several other subjects were arrested during the investigation. All are loosely related to the murder investigations and are in custody on various drug charges, weapon/violence-related felony offenses or probation violations. These additional subjects being held in the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility are: 19-year-old Jebea Johnson, 28-year-old Edward Sampson, 19-year-old Keyshawn Davis, 20-year-old Josiah Feimster and 20-year-old Rodrick Williams. Additionally, 14-year-old Lawrence Fullmore was released to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) following his arrest earlier this month for Robbery with a Weapon.

Johnson is an unindicted co-conspirator but is facing charges of Domestic Battery, Resist Officer without Violence, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Tampering with Evidence, Improper

Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



Exhibition of a Weapon, Possession of Weapon/Ammo by Convicted Felon, Violation of No Contact Order and Harassing – Felony in 2nd Degree in a separate case.

Edward Sampson is facing charges of Violation of Probation for Drug Possession and Petit Theft along with Battery of a Detained Person.

Davis and Fullmore are both facing charges for Robbery with a Weapon.

Feimster is facing charges for Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana 20g or more, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Trafficking Heroin, Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge, Possession of a Controlled Substance without Prescription, Discharging a Firearm from a Vehicle and Criminal Mischief.

Williams is facing charges for Possession of Marijuana 20g or More, Violation of Probation, Battery of a Detained Person and Possession of Cannabinoids with Intent to Sell.

###

Proudly Serving the Community Since 1917
A Five Diamond Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

